

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-16 and added claims 17-47, to more clearly define the invention. These claim amendments are not considered to narrow the scope of the claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$542.00 fee for 4 additional independent claims and 11 extra claims to Deposit Account No. 16-0228.

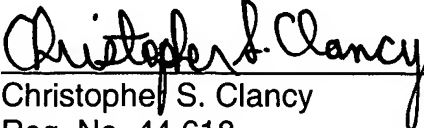
Applicants have amended specification paragraphs [0002]-[0010], [0012]-[0013], [0030], [0033]-[0036] and [0038]. Moreover, Applicants have amended the abstract. These specification amendments provide clarification for the invention, and do not include any new matter.

Applicants submit drawing replacement sheets 3-7. Specifically, FIGS. 5 and 12 add reference numerals 47 and 49, and FIGS. 7, 13-14 and 15-16 add reference numeral 49. These drawing amendments provide clarification for the invention, and do not introduce any new matter.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 17-47.

Respectfully submitted,

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